

FITCHBURG GAS AND ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY

Application of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, pursuant to G.L. c. 164 App., §§ 2-1 through 2-10, and 220 C.M.R. §§ 7.00 et seq., for approval by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy of the Company's proposed operating budget and monthly surcharge for the Residential Energy Conservation Service Programs for the period January 1, 2002, through December 31, 2002.

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REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND PARTICIPATION

Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company ("Fitchburg" or "Company") requests approval of the operating budget and monthly surcharge for its Residential Energy Conservation Service ("RCS") Program, for the period January 1, 2002, through December 31, 2002. The calculations, data, and reasons supporting this request will be available for public inspection at the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department").

Pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 19, Fitchburg funds its electric RCS programs, and other energy efficiency programs, out of a mandatory per kilowatt hour charge. The Companies' RCS programs are one part of the Companies overall three-year Energy Efficiency plans. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Energy Resources has the authority to oversee and coordinate those plans and RCS programs. G.L. c. 25A, § 11G; G.L. c. 164 App. § 2-3. This proceeding in regard to Fitchburg's electric RCS program is limited to the Department's review of Fitchburg's RCS operating budgets. G.L. c. 164, App. § 2-7.

The Department invites public comment on this matter. Any person who desires to file written comments or request a public hearing in this matter, shall submit an original and three (3) copies of such written comments, or petition for leave to intervene or to participate in the proceeding, with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, not later than the close of business (5:00 P.M.) November 28, 2001.

Any person who desires to participate in this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in the proceeding with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, 2d Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) Wednesday, November 28, 2001. A petition to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03, and shall include a request for a hearing if a hearing is desired. Receipt by the Department -- not mailing -- constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A late-filed petition may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for

waiver under 220 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

Copies of all documents that are filed with the Department must also be provided electronically, by one of two means: 1) e-mail attachment to [dte.efiling@state.ma.us](mailto:dte.efiling@state.ma.us) using a program compatible with WordPerfect, naming the document file with a .wpd suffix and identifying in the e-mail the case caption, docket number, party and title of document, or 2) diskette in a program compatible with WordPerfect 5.0 or higher, again identifying on the diskette the case caption, docket number, party and title of document.

The Petitioner, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, is required to give notice of this request for public comment and participation by publication hereof once at least seven (7) days prior to the close of the comment period in the Fitchburg Sentinel and Enterprise and Worcester Telegram. The Petitioner is also required to mail a copy of this notice at least seven (7) days prior to the end of the comment period to any person who has intervened in the prior two ECS hearings.

The Petitioner is required to make return of service and proof of publication at the time of the close of the comment period.

By Order of the Department,

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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary